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WORK FOR THIS WEEK

Forecast of the Business of the House and the Senate.

FINANCIAL DEBATE

It Will Take up All the Time of the House With a Vote Next Monday.

Little Is Expected in the Senate This Week.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The house will devote the week entirely to the financial debate on the currency bill. Under the terms of the special order adopted on Friday, the general debate opened this morning after the reading of The Journal and will continue daily from noon until 5 o'clock on Friday. On Saturday the bill will be read paragraph by paragraph for amendment under the five minute rule. The vote will be taken the following Monday.

The debate will probably cover a wide range, including a general rethressing of the campaign issue of 1896 and there may be some stormy incidents. The Republicans are arrayed solidly for the bill, but many of them who have never advocated the gold standard doubtless will have to take the floor to explain their change of position.

On the Democratic side some of the members are reported as favoring the bill but there has been no canvas made as yet and it remains to be seen how many of them will join the Republicans upon this measure.

The week does not promise to be a busy one in the senate, the indications being for routine business and short sessions inside the chamber, with much preparation for future work in the committee rooms.

Senator Mason will open the week with a speech on his resolution declaring the sympathy of this country with the Boers in their war with Great Britain. There may be other brief speeches upon this and other questions, though there is a general disposition on the part of the senators to postpone it until after the holidays.

The Republican senators generally feel that the most important work of the present is to secure reorganization of the committees, especially the finance committee, preliminary to other work. An effort will be made to complete the reorganization during the present week.

The finance committee may meet in a day or so for preliminary consideration of the financial bill, but this is not yet decided upon. The expectation now is that this bill will not be taken up in the senate until after the Christmas holidays.

The committee on foreign relations will take up the reciprocity treaties on Wednesday.

The committee on privileges and elections will consider the contests over senators in a desultory way, but the real work on these will not begin until Saturday when opposing counsel will be heard in the Quay case.

The opening week of congress closes with a vast amount of important legislation inaugurated as well as some live questions pending. The bills introduced approximate 2000, about half of which are private pension bills and this is just the beginning.

The week will be remembered, however, in a legislative way on account of the Roberts case and the preliminary discussion of the financial bill, which is to occupy the boards this week. The undercurrent of feeling as regards the Roberts case is still tending to the conclusion that the house in its passion and a great mistake.

For the Bill.

New York, Dec. 11.—Two Tammany Democrats will vote for the house financial bill introduced last week, according to advices received at the Democratic club. They are J. M. Levi of the Thirteenth district and Jacob Ruppert, Jr., of the Fifteenth district.

Bailey Against Wheeler.

New York, Dec. 11.—A special to The World from Washington says:

Representative Bailey of Texas is ready to protest against General Joe Wheeler's admission to congress should he return from Manila and present himself to assume his position as representative from Alabama. Mr. Bailey will contend that Mr. Wheeler cannot hold two positions—major general of volunteers and a member of congress—at the same time.

Mr. Bailey has made a canvass of the Democratic side and received promises of support from nearly 100 members.

Mr. Bailey, in the last congress, took a strong stand against Wheeler holding a seat in congress and a commission in the United States army at the same time and when through personal feeling for General Wheeler many of his Democratic colleagues winked at the infraction of the law and voted in favor of Gen. Wheeler. Mr. Bailey then gave notice

minority and would not again be a candidate for the position.

The House.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Only a fair attendance was in the galleries of the house to witness the opening debate on the currency bill. Immediately after reading The Journal, the house under special order went into the committee of the whole, with Mr. Hepburn of Iowa in the chair, and entered upon the consideration of the bill. Mr. Overstreet of Indiana, who is to be in charge of the measure on the floor, opened the debate with a set speech.

The Senate.

Washington, Dec. 11.—As announced the intention of Mr. Mason of Illinois, to address the senate on his resolution expressing sympathy of the senate with the South African republics in their war with England, drew a large audience to the senate galleries. In the absence of Senator Frye, Mr. Platt of New York was in the chair.

Mr. Cockrell of Missouri, directed the attention of the pension committee to the bill introduced by request by Mr. Pettus of Alabama, providing for the payment of pensions to freedmen.

Mr. Gallinger, chairman of the committee on pensions, expressed the opinion that no such measure should have been presented to congress. "In my judgment," said Mr. Gallinger, "this is a bill that ought not to, and probably will not, receive favorable consideration of the pension committee. Promoters of the bill are deluding thousands of poor people and simply trying to keep this agitation alive for their own benefit."

No Ground For Claim.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The United States supreme court has affirmed the opinion of the court of claims in the case of the Los Abra Silver Mining company against the republic of Mexico, holding that the claim is fraudulent and unfounded. The claim is for about \$4,000,000.

THIRTY-TWO DEAD.

The Result of the Explosion in a Mine in Washington.

Carbonado, Wash., Dec. 11.—Thirty-two is the total dead as a result of the mine horror here Saturday night. Two men were rescued at 5 o'clock Sunday morning, after being entombed in the mine all night. The injured number six. All are severely burned.

Governor Roberts will conduct a searching examination as to the cause of the explosion. The theory of Supt. Davis is that a small pocket of gas was became ignited and caused the explosion.

The total number of men in the shaft was 76 of whom 44 escaped or were rescued.

PACIFIC SAFE ROBBED.

Several Thousand Dollars Taken and No Clew Obtained.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 11.—The office of the Pacific Express company was robbed of several thousand dollars in money here Saturday night, and the officers have not yet found a single clew.

It has been the custom to lock the office when a train gets in. This was done as usual and when the express men returned 20 minutes later the door was open and the safe had been rifled. The amount of money taken is reported to be between \$5000 and \$25,000. It is said safe contained a large shipment of gold which was to have gone to one of the banks in central Wyoming.

American Federation of Labor.

Detroit, Dec. 11.—Nearly 200 delegates representing all branches of trade unionism, with an estimated total membership of nearly 800,000, assembled here, when the eighteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor was called to order by James Duncan of Baltimore, second vice president, who announced that Mr. Gompers was suffering from injuries resulting from a bicycle accident and possibly might not be able to attend. After the adoption of a resolution of sympathy for Mr. Gompers, the annual report of the president was read.

Killing in Kentucky.

Corbin, Dec. 11.—This town Sunday was under the protection of the military in consequence of the killing of Deputy Marshal H. Hartford Saturday night while in pursuit of participants in a saloon fight. It is not known who killed him. Floyd and Ed Chadwell are under arrest. It was their young brother who seems to have been the ringleader in the fight. They interfered when the officers attempted to arrest him. There is danger of further trouble.

Woman Missing.

Louisville, Dec. 11.—A novel case was reported to the detectives here and is being investigated. A month ago a woman rented and furnished the house of Frederick H. Walker, in the aristocratic part of town known as Crescent Hill. When Mr. Walker came around for his month's rent, he found his house vacant, and also discovered that his best furniture to the value of \$900 had been stolen. There is absolutely no trace of the woman or the furniture.

Rev. McKay Not Guilty.

Newport News, Dec. 11.—Not proved guilty is the verdict arrived by the ministers' association after an investigation

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Texas Conference Appointments.

The appointments of the Texas conference for the ensuing year were announced yesterday at Marlin. Rev. E. L. Shettles of Austin, was assigned to the Bryan church, and Rev. J. P. Skinner to the Millican circuit. Rev. J. C. Mickle remains the presiding elder of the Huntsville district, and Rev. J. B. Cochran was made presiding elder of Brenham district. Rev. Shettles, the new pastor, will preach at the Methodist church here next Sunday.

Hotel Arrivals.

EXCHANGE

R. L. Duncan, Tyler; T. D. Shelton, Cincinnati; J. C. Murray, San Antonio; Allan D. Sanford, Waco; H. Ebeling, Houston; Chas Davis, El Paso; D. B. Hatch, Houston; Mrs. A. E. Stinson, Chicago; T. S. Williams, Milligan; John Walhall, Galveston; W. N. McCorvey, Dallas; G. M. Winstead, Houston; A. F. Bybee, agent for Jay from Jayville Company; A. Abshear, Dallas; W. T. Woolridge, Louisville.

FROM EDGE.

Mr. Jim Newman and family have moved to their new home in Edge.

Mr. Echols will move to Macy soon.

Mrs. M. A. Derden has been quite sick, but is better now.

M. P. C. Vives.

The new model MECHANICAL PLATE CHANGING Vive is a daisy—it does away with the magazine sleeve—though many prefer the old model to the new—we have both kinds.

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FATE OF AMERICANS.

Considerable Anxiety Felt for Those Held by Filipinos.

AGUINALDO'S NOTE.

In it He Intimated That American Prisoners Would Suffer if the Filipino Republic Was Not Fully Recognized.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Considerable concern has been felt in official circles for some time respecting the fate of American prisoners still held by the Filipino insurgents. This is due to an intimation made by Aguinaldo in a note to General Otis, delivered a month ago, that grave injury might befall the prisoners if recognition of the so-called Filipino republic by the United States were longer delayed.

It was in answer to this threat that the president sent a message to General Otis for transmission to Aguinaldo announcing that if the prisoners were maltreated in any manner he and his subordinates would be held personally responsible. At that time Aguinaldo was believed to be within the cordon established by the American troops reaching from San Fabian to San Isidro. While it cannot be learned that Aguinaldo received the communication, General Otis undoubtedly succeeded in apprising him of its contents and knowing the result of the wanton injury either to the American or Spanish prisoners, it is hoped here that Aguinaldo will see that they are protected from harm.

Aguinaldo's effort to receive recognition by threatening injury to the prisoners, is considered by the officials as the last card to be played by the insurgent leader. It has been noticed that although the insurgents have permitted many Spanish prisoners to escape, they have carefully held the American prisoners. This leaves the officials to believe that Aguinaldo hopes, if finally captured, to make terms advantageous to himself. This would be impossible if the prisoners were found to have suffered any harm.

Major Stevens Believed.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The navy department has advices from Watson at Manila saying that the Oregon and Baltimore have relieved Major Stevens, who was in possession of Olongapo on Dec. 10. He transported troops to Subic. The town was abandoned on their arrival.

Medal for Blue.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 11.—On Christmas day the women of the Palmetto state will present to Lieutenant Blue, of the United States navy, a handsome medal as a testimonial of his services in the Spanish-American war. The medal was raised through the efforts of the Association for Patriotic award, formed a year ago. Mrs. Ellison Capers, wife of Bishop Capers, is president.

Cotton Crop Estimate.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The estimate crop of cotton is 8,900,000 bales. Continued investigations leave absolutely no doubt the crop is even smaller than that indicated in earlier statisticians' previous reports. The estimated productive area in thousands of acres for Louisiana is 178; Texas, 6642; Arkansas, 1726; Oklahoma, 199; Indian Territory, 299; Mississippi, 2784. This is 5.8 per cent less than last year. It is estimated the yield in pounds of lint cotton per acre is, Mississippi, 209; Louisiana, 236; Texas, 185; Arkansas, 193; Oklahoma, 185; Indian Territory, 235.

Had No Trouble.

Yankton, S. D., Dec. 11.—Judge Bartlett Tripp, late United States minister to Austria, denies the assertion in the recent cablegram that he had had a dispute with a Vienna landlord and later sued him successfully. Said he: "I was not the predecessor of Mr. Harris, the present minister, but of Charlemagne Tower. There never was the slightest disagreement between myself and my landlord over rents or anything else. The credit of the Americans at thelegation is excellent and their patronage is much sought after."

Smallpox Epidemic at Loring.

Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 11.—An epidemic of smallpox prevails at Loring and in Sherman township, in the southern part of Leavenworth county. When the disease was discovered it was pronounced Cuban chickenpox. There are 13 cases in Sherman township, and nine at Bonner Springs, in Wyandotte county. Sheriff Everhardy has established a strict quarantine at houses where the families are affected. The public school will be closed in the afflicted neighborhood until the disease is stamped out.

Identified as a Murderer.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 11.—Richard Converse, negro, is in the Jefferson county jail, charged with the murder of S. M. Caesar Friday night. Caesar's daughter was the only witness of the crime, and identified Converse as the murderer. Caesar was one of the best negroes in Jefferson county and his colored friends are much aroused over the affair.

Woman Hangs Herself.

Lebanon, Mo., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Clara Ostrander, wife of F. D. Ostrander, of this city, committed suicide at her home by hanging herself with a hammock. She had been in poor health for about a year, and at times her mind was unbalanced. She leaves a husband and son 8 years old. Mrs. Ostrander left a note bidding all her friends goodbye.

M. K. & T. EXCURSIONS.

GO HOME IN THRUOGH CARS
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TO THE OLD STATES.

The M. K. & T. R'y (Katy) offers a new route to the old states to those who are going back home to spend the Christmas Holidays. As usual, through cars and through trains will be run, passing through the beautiful Indian Territory in day light as far as South McAlester, then over the Choctaw & Memphis Railway to Memphis where direct connections will be made with the roads leading from Memphis to the Old Home. The rate will be one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 20th, 21st and 22nd; good for return any time within 30 days.

For full information write any "Katy" Ticket Agent.

LOCAL HOLIDAY RATES.

The M. K. & T. R'y (Katy) will sell round trip tickets between all points on its line in Texas at one and one-third fare. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24, 25th, 26th, 30th, 31st, and January 1st good for return to January 3rd, 1900.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1899.

FROM HARVEY.

A number of our citizens went to the saw mills last week.

Our hearts were made sad on Wednesday of last week by the death of Mrs. Eula Royder. She was loved by all who knew her. She said she did not dread death, but grieved to leave her husband and infant babe. God worketh all things well; may we be reconciled to His will.

Mr. J. Yardley is quite sick; hope he will recover soon.

Mr. Eugene Suber and sister, Miss Leila, visited Bethel Sunday.

Rev. S. R. McClung, and Dr. T. L. Todd left for Aniston Tuesday.

Christmas is near and all are anticipating a good time. There will be a Christmas tree at the schoolhouse, Monday night, December 25. We will have music and other exercises.

Miss Ida McClung is spending a week in Bryan.

Mr. A. L. Shackelford visited

Bethel Sunday.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Carnes is sick.

Rev. S. R. McClung has been on the sick list. SANTA MARIA.

For a Parsonage.

Rev. Jewell Howard of Waco, preached at the Christian church Sunday and Sunday night. There was a good attendance and the services were much enjoyed.

After the morning service a business meeting was held and \$300 was subscribed towards a fund for securing a parsonage. It is desired to purchase improved property if location and terms can be agreed upon. As soon as a parsonage has been secured Rev. Jewell Howard will move here from Waco with his family. He has made a fine impression upon those who have met him during his visits here, and will be cordially welcome as a citizen of Bryan.

For Charity's Sake.

At a meeting of the Ladies Aid Society last Monday afternoon at the Baptist church. A committee was appointed to solicit for the Buckner Orphans Home. This committee will call, not only on our business men, but also from house to house, and we are satisfied will meet with a hearty response. Second-hand clothing, (not rags) will be appreciated.

A new line of Golf Hats and every thing new in the Millinery line, at Mrs. C. M. Proctors.

Our Southland.

Memphis Appeal: "Ex-Governor Hubbard of Texas, and late our minister to Japan, on 'The South, Present and to come,' was one of the most thrilling and eloquent lectures ever heard in this city from the platform. It was a picture full of humor, pathos in the past, and a future outlined full of glorious fruits.

"It is a lecture to be heard from Boston to Galveston, and in the entire Union."

Gov. Hubbard will deliver this famous lecture at the opera house, Bryan next Tuesday night, December 12. Benefit public school library. Admission 50c

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The Eagle carries a full line of the following named legal blanks, and sells them in small quantities at the prices quoted. For large quantities, call at Eagle office for prices.

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Bill of Sale	5c
Bond for Title	5c
Chatel Mortgage	5c
Crop Mortgage	5c
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Deed of Trust	10c
Deed, Warranty (all cash)	10c
Deed, Warranty, Vendor's Lien	10c
Deed, Quit Claim	10c
Power of Attorney	5c
Land Note with Vendor's Lien	5c
Release of Deed of Trust	5c
Release of Vendor's Lien	5c
Transfer of Vendor's Lien	5c
Promissory Note	3 for 5c
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Wisconsin Weddings.

The "easy marriage" is no longer a reproach to the State of Wisconsin.

The passage of the True Marriage act will interfere with the "percentages" paid by Milwaukee preachers to hackmen and boat runners who bring them custom, but it will redeem the good name of the State.

There have been many notable Gretna Green weddings in Milwaukee. Young Aubrey married Chief Justice Fuller's daughter there; they were divorced shortly afterward. Robert Lincoln's daughter was married to Beckwith, the football player; and Charles Dwyer, the turfman, married in Milwaukee the daughter of a San Francisco millionaire.

The law stops all that. Any couple intending to be married must apply for a license five days in advance. Men under twenty-one and women under eighteen, may not be married without their parents' consent. Marriage licenses must be publicly posted. Heavy penalties are prescribed for breaking the law.

The bill was opposed by a lobby of Milwaukee justices and by the friends of clergymen, but the moral sense of the country members pushed it through.

One curious result of the law will be that any marriage was for five days illegal in the State. For of course, no license could be had until the law was passed, and no marriage would be legal without one. That was inconvenient, but it was not contemplated by the author of the bill, Assemblyman John M. True.

Of Little Value.

This latest decision of the French courts, awarding \$20,000 damages to the wife of a passenger lost in the Bourgogne disaster, on the ground that the captain of the Bourgogne neglected his duty, would be more interesting if there was any chance of collecting the damages. The court has reserved for the company the right to declare the steamer and her freight abandoned, in which case payment could be evaded, and it undoubtedly will be.

South and the Siesta.

Southern women still indulge in a lengthy afternoon siesta, a custom they greatly miss while visiting in the north, says a northern journal. The nap still flourishes, winter and summer, in most of the region south of Mason and Dixon's line. Its special home is the southern country house and village, but the custom prevails even in considerable cities. A southern village between 2 o'clock and 5 in the summer and 2 o'clock and 4 in the winter is sunk in a general swoon. Even the clerks in the village stores find a snug corner where, tilted back in an easy chair, they may doze away the intervals between customers. As to the houses of the well-to-do, they are silent, with closed shutters and drawn curtains, and somewhere above stairs in negligee the women doze away the fatigues of the morning. Late afternoon finds faint signs of returning consciousness in the homes.

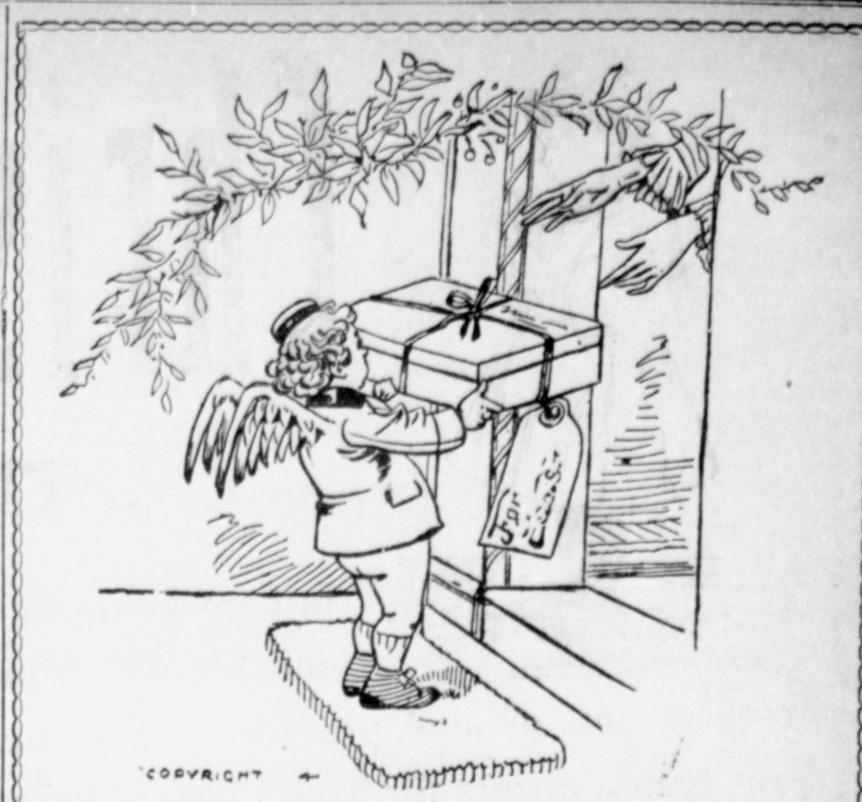
When Dewey Comes.

A project has, it is claimed, already received the approval of President McKinley that a monster dramatic performance of the "White Squadron" by a chosen company of players be given at the Metropolitan opera house in New York, when Dewey arrives. The matter is to be placed in the hands of 1,000 prominent New York citizens, and the proceeds will be devoted to the Dewey home fund.

A Gloomy Future.

"What do you think, Dorothy Marjorie Jones has quit golf and gone back to tennis."

"The idea! That girl will be caught playing croquet yet!" — From the Chicago Record.



YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS

Should be bought with care and judgment to make a little money buy lots of nice things. See the big stock carried by

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Their stock always contains the Latest and Most Popular Christmas Novelties — the most elegant and Tasteful Gifts that can be secured anywhere. Their

Wonderland of Toys

for the Girls and Boys is always unsurpassed. You will make a mistake if you buy before selling their stock. Their prices are never high. Remember the place—

James & McDougald's, BRYAN, TEXAS.



Now on sale plenty of

Big Fat Turkeys and Chickens.

Also fresh eggs arrived today. Come early and avoid the rush and get first choice.

GEO. W. HIGGS

Christmas Novelties!

We are showing an elegant line of Holiday goods including Statuary, Brass Tables, Handsome China, Beautiful Pottery, Mirrors, Pictures and other articles suitable for gifts and too numerous to mention. We have also remembered the little folks with a splendid assortment of Dolls and Toys. We bought at low prices and we are selling at prices that cannot fail to please. Yours for Christmas.

Thall's Drug Store.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Houston, Texas, Nov. 7, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company has been called by the Board of Directors of said company, to convene at the general office of said company in the City of Houston, Texas, at twelve o'clock noon, on the nineteenth day of January, 1900, for the purpose of authorizing the making, execution and delivery of a first mortgage upon the railroad recently purchased and now owned by said company commonly known as the "Waco & Northwestern Division of the Houston & Texas Central Railway" extending from a point or near the town of Bremond, in Robertson county, via Marlin and Waco, to a point in or near the town of Ross, in McLennan county, with its franchises and appurtenances to secure the payment of first mortgage bonds of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars for each mile of said railroad, payable at a time not exceeding thirty years from their date, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent, per annum, payable semi-annually, to be issued for the purpose of paying for, completing, improving and operating the said railroad with its franchises and appurtenances.

E. W. CAVE, Secretary
Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company.

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We are also showing a Complete Stock of JOHN B. STETSON SOFT HATS, Stiff Hats, All Wool and Heavy Cotton Underwear, Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Shoes, etc.

WATCH OUR SHOW WINDOWS DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

Parks & Waldrop,

MEN'S OUTFITTERS.



Christmas

...TIME...

Is here again and all the little folks and big ones too expect to give and receive lots of nice presents. My store will again be the big headquarters for Toys, Fireworks, etc., during holidays.

In Handsome Gifts

We offer the most complete line—Books, Pictures, Cut Glass, China—everything new and novel originated for this season's holiday trade. We can supply your wants at prices so low as to be within the reach of all.

TYLER HASWELL,

BRYAN, TEXAS.

THE AIR SHIP.

A Splendid Musical Comedy—
Thursday, December 14.

An advance notice says: The days of the hurriedly thrown together clap trap play, poorly acted and deplorably equipped as to scenery and accessories have gone by. The theatre going public now demands perfection in every part and detail of a performance. This is said to have been accomplished in the play known as "The Air Ship"

which is by Mr. J. M. Gaites, and which will be produced at the opera house on next Thursday evening under the direction of the Marx & Reich Company. This comedy ought to fill the house from pit to dome as it includes some of the best known specialty artists, who give the latest high class novelties. Aside from this the comedy is well written, having an interesting plot which is carried through the entire three acts. The humor is said to be clean and bright and there are many funny scenes and situations as well as brilliant effects. It comes to us

with the reputation of being the best entertainment traveling under the farce comedy banner.

A Fine Holiday Edition.

Write for a copy of The Grimes County Record holiday edition. It contains a historical sketch of Grimes county and other historical news of interest and will be the prettiest paper ever published in Grimes county.

H. H. Hodge, Publisher,
Anderson, Texas.

New buggies and harness just received at Williamson Bros.

Williamson Bros. for new buggies and harness.

YOU WASTE MONEY!



When you buy useless articles for Holiday presents. Your family and friends will appreciate something useful just as much.

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We have Nobby Suits, Overcoats, McIntoshes, Shoes, Hats, Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Underwear, etc., for Men and Boys. Kill two birds with one stone and buy something useful for Holiday presents.

YOURS FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS,

BURT NORWOOD,
THE DRY GOODS HUSTLER.

The Campardown Obeyed.

When the British steamer Campardown which reached Baltimore the other day, was eighty miles off the coast, her lookout sighted a man in an open boat, and, naturally enough, preparations were at once made for a rescue as heroic as the calm state of the sea would permit. As the Campardown approached the boat, however, it was seen that the lonely voyager was content with his surroundings, and the steamer's captain did not do anything rash. When the big and little vessels were close together, conversation ensued, and the man in the boat revealed that he was Captain William A. Andrews, who had sailed from Atlantic City two days before, bound for England. He said he wanted nothing, as he had plenty of everything, especially whiskey, and he was all right. Captain Andrews then sang out: "Good old America! Good old England, you are bound for America, and I am bound to England. Get out of my way or I will run you down," and—the Campardown got out of the way.

A School of Tropical Medicine.

The New York Record advocates the establishment of a school of tropical medicine in this country. On the authority of the London Times it states that in the Tirah campaign on the Indian frontiers there were 1,000 admissions to hospitals on account of wounds received in battle, and 11,000 from fever and dysentery. The Medical Record quotes this instance because under existing circumstances it applies with almost as much force to the soldiers of the United States as to the British army, and hence the advisability to imitate Britain in the foundation of a school where these tropical diseases can be studied.

An Affectionate Queen.

The queen's affection for her immediate family seems to increase with her years, and she is not happy unless several of her relations surround her. Her majesty pays special attention to the Duchess of York, and her royal highness and her children are objects of great affection to her. Little Prince Edward of York "rules the roost" whenever he stays with his illustrious great grand-mother, and his word has more influence with her than the suggestion of emperors. The young prince is already much of a diplomatist. He always runs to open the door for her majesty, and is the first to fetch her foot stool.

Up to the Statutes.

Cincinnati people love to tell this story of General Benjamin F. Butler: He was one of a commission to examine young applicants for admission to the bar, and before him came a youth who failed miserably on all that pertained to jurisprudence, case law, civil law, sumptuary law, unwritten law and due process of law. Finally Butler, who rather liked the chap and wanted to see him through, asked: "What would you like to be examined in? You have failed in everything we have suggested." The reply came: "Try me on the statutes; I'm up on them." Butler shook his head solemnly. "My young friend," he said, "I'm afraid you won't do. You may be ever so familiar with the statutes, but what is to prevent a fool legislature from repealing all you know?"

An Unfortunate Infelicitous.

"My uncle grows strawberries so big that six will fill a quart box."

"I'd be ashamed to have an uncle who would use that kind of quart boxes."

Undesirable.

"Do you suppose the time will ever come when women will serve on the jury?"

"I hope not. There are too many disagreements now."—Detroit Free Press.

TIES!

Family Ties, Ties of Friendship, and other kinds of Ties necessitate presents for the holidays. What is better than to give

A TIE FOR A TIE.

Everybody wears them these days—the ladies, the gentlemen, the girls and boys. You can make no mistake in such a selection. We have them in every fashionable shade, shape and quality. We have scores of other articles, too, equally appropriate and serviceable.

FLORSHEIM SHOES.

Patent Leather, Lace and Button! comes also in blacks, tans, vici and box calf, nice new line celebrated

Gold and Silver shirts

Gloves, Handkerchiefs, new shipment ladies' fine shoes for the holiday trade, Full line celebrated "Mastiff" children's shoes—every pair guaranteed.

YOURS TO PLEASE,

Will R. Thomas,

For the Holidays

I offer Watches, Diamonds and Solid Silver at remarkably close prices. It will pay you to examine my stock before you buy. I can please you in quality and price if you will give me a call.

A. McKenzie.



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Hon. D. J. Brewer, Justice of U.S. Supreme Court, says: "I commend it to all as the one great standard authority."

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FERNDALE CAN GOODS.
PREMIUM HAMS.
ALBATROSS FLOUR.

And goods of like standard character. We have just received a fresh shipment of Bulk Pork. We have Chilli Pepper and other ingredients to make Chili. We receive fresh shipment of Fruit daily. We also have a nice line of evaporated fruit. Call and see for yourselves or ring up 'phone 106. Yours to please,

J. Chancy Kernole.

FREE DELIVERY.

H. & T. C. Time Card, Bryan	
Northbound No 1.....	12:21 p m
Southbound No 2.....	4:03 p m
Northbound No 3.....	1:16 a m
Southbound No 4.....	3:04 a m

I. & G. N. Time Table, Hearne

WEST BOUND.

No. 1 leaves.....	1:05 a. m.
No. 3 leaves.....	9:05 a. m.
	EAST BOUND.
No. 2 leaves.....	3:53 a. m.

NO. 4 leaves.....

4:39 p. m.

BETWEEN HEARNE AND SAN ANTONIO.

No. 9, leaves Hearne.....

3:10 p. m.

No. 10, arrives at Hearne.....

11:55 a. m.

H. & T. C. Time Table Hearne

NORTH BOUND.

No. 1 arrives.....

12:50 p. m.

No. 3 arrives.....

2:45 a. m.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. Seth Mooring is visiting in Mar-
tin.

August Prinzel was here from Kurten
yesterday.

If you have a milk cow for sale, see
Roe Edge.

Miss Lottie Hill left for Galveston
yesterday.

Rev. Joseph Palmar went to Bremond
yesterday.

Prof. H. H. Raymond was in the
city yesterday.

J. T. Leathers of Edge, was in the
city yesterday.

M. S. Freeman was here from Well-
born yesterday.

Mrs. H. R. Davison returned to Cle-
burne yesterday.

Smoke Metropolitan cigars sold at
Exposition Saloon.

dtf.

Judge V. B. Hudson went to Grimes
county yesterday.

Drink Mount Vernon Pure Rye at the
Exposition saloon.

160f

Rev. B. Del Guidice has returned from
a visit to New York.

N. A. Cotnam was among the visitors
to the city yesterday.

NOW READY.

We feel very much gratified over the large attendance during our Holiday opening on Monday night and we wish to thank the public for their kind response to our invitations. Our store will remain open until 10 p. m. every evening for the benefit of every one to view our extensive and gorgeous display of all the latest ideas in holiday gifts. Our stock is second to none in the state and we assure you that the styles are correct. We will be pleased to reserve any selection made for future delivery.

Wilson-Jenkins Drug Co

P. S. Found—during our opening 1 black silk ladies' belt—owner please call for same.

SIMPLY GOVERNOR.

**No either Military or Civil Will Be At-
tached to Wood's Nomination.**

Washington, Dec. 11.—"Governor of Cuba" will be the official designation of office to which Major General Leonard Wood will be assigned early in the new year as the successor to Major General Brooke, the present military general of the island. By omitting the word "military" the president hopes to impress upon the Cubans that under the new regime "civil" government, as far as possible, under military officers and men, will obtain. The word "civil" will not be substituted for "military," because that would appear incongruous, in view of the authority under which the president is operating. Nevertheless, it is the desire of the president that General Wood shall cut loose from rigid military methods and allow the Cubans the widest latitude possible in municipal affairs. Indeed, that was his principal motive in selecting General Wood for the governorship.

The number of departments in the island will probably be reduced in a month or two, so that there will be no necessity for all the general officers now there. General Ludlow desires, it is understood, to come home when Gen. Wood takes command.

Notwithstanding the opposition from the line of the army to the appointment of General Wood as major general of volunteers, the confirmation by the senate to his nomination may be accepted as a foregone conclusion. A favorable report by the military committee may be looked for and his confirmation will probably immediately follow.

General Wood will remain in Washington until he has received his new commission and will then proceed to Santiago and arrange for his transfer to Havana.

NAVAL REWARDS.

**President Will Soon Send a Special Mes-
sage to Congress About Them.**

Washington, Dec. 11.—It is expected the president will soon send to congress a special message regarding rewards for officers and men of the north Atlantic fleet who distinguished themselves during the war with Spain, and whose gallantry has not yet been recognized.

President McKinley has the Sampson-Schley matter under serious consideration. He is understood to be willing that a bill should be passed authorizing the revival of the grade of vice admiral for the benefit of Rear Admirals Sampson and Schley, the former to be given seniority over the latter. It is believed Secretary Long will join in indorsing this solution of the controversy.

What will probably cause considerable criticism among the friends of Admiral Schley is the determination of Secretary Long to name Admiral Sampson in the measure he is preparing giving the thanks of congress to the commander-in-chief of the north Atlantic squadron and the officers and men under his command.

It is not believed here, however, that the president will transmit such a resolution to congress, knowing what determined opposition it will meet and the probability that friends of Schley would have his name substituted for that of Sampson and pass the resolution in that form.

Allen May Withdraw.

Omaha, Dec. 11.—Evidence is accumulating in the senatorial fight that the friends of Mr. Hitchcock are placing reliance upon the effort to induce former Senator Allen to withdraw from the present race and make the campaign in the fight for the legislature next fall for Senator Thurston's succession. In order to induce him to do so the Democrats leaders are, it is alleged, assuring him in case the legislature has a fusion majority he shall have the united support of the Democracy for the place. If Mr. Allen can be convinced that he will have a clear field before the legislature, we will probably withdraw.

Against His Second Cousin.

Muncie, Ind., Dec. 11.—Judge Leffler, who is a second cousin of the convicted man, overruled the motion for a new trial for Clifford Morris, convicted of murdering Elmer Hamilton, and sentenced to 21 years in prison. Argument was made that the conviction was on previous petty crimes committed by Morris and that this evidence should have been excluded. Judge Leffler thought the argument was good, but that he must decide with the written law. Morris grumbled at the delay caused by his attorneys, who will appeal to the supreme court.

Girl Burned to Death.

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 11.—The clothing of Ruth Bloomquist, the 7-year-old daughter of Andrew Bloomquist, of Altona, was set afire while she was playing near the kitchen stove. She ran screaming into the yard, and neighbors hurried to her assistance, but before they could reach her, she was terribly burned. She lingered for a few hours in great agony and then died.

Sad Mistake in Drinks.

Topeka, Dec. 11.—Colonel James Graham and William P. Cunneen, two prominent politicians of St. Marys, drank from a bottle containing disinfectant Sunday, believing it to be whisky, and both are seriously ill and may die. Graham was lieutenant colonel of the Twenty-second Kansas regiment in the Spanish war and was well known.

Bomb Explodes in a Theater.

Madrid, Dec. 11.—During a performance Sunday at a theater at Murcia City, province of that name, a bomb was exploded. Fire broke out and the theater was destroyed. The audience, however, got out without serious accident.

REPORT

OF THE

**Merchants and Planters Na-
tional Bank.**

**At Bryan, in the State of Texas,
at the Close of Business,
December 2, 1899.**

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$142,160 46
Overdrafts, secured and un- secured	35,583 98
U. S. Bonds to secure circu- lation	25,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc.....	1,381 66
Banking-house furniture, and fixtures.....	2,050 35
Other Real Estate and Mort- gages owned	6,731 82
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	30,923 93
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	2,104 54
Due from approved reserve agents.....	8,358 74
Checks and other cash items	4,422 56
Notes of other National Banks.....	36,000 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	934 23
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie.....	12,169 00
Legal-tender notes	54,000 00
	66,169 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5 per cent of circulation)	1,125 00
Total.....	\$362,946 27

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	100,000 00
Surplus fund.....	20,000 00
Undivided profits, less ex- penses and taxes paid.....	15,320 62
National Bank notes out- standing.....	22,500 00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	202,925 65
Demand Certificates of De- posit.....	2,000 00
Certified checks	200 00
Total.....	\$362,946 27

Recapitulation.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$177,744 44
U. S. Bonds	25,000 00
Stocks and Securities	1,381 66
Due from U. S. Treasurer	1,125 00
Office Furniture and Fixtures and Real Estate	8,782 17
Cash on hand and in other banks	148,913 00
	362,946 27

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	\$100,000 00
Surplus and Profits	35,320 62
Circulation	22,500 00
Deposits	205,125 65

\$362,946 27

Rev. J. C. Mickle, Rev. J. B. Cochran
and wife, Mrs. T. B. Collins and Rev.
H. V. Philpott returned from Marlin
yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Blumenthal of
Navasota, spent the time between trains
in the city Sunday, visiting Mr. and Mrs.
H. Marwisky.

Prof. and Mrs. W. B. Philpott will en-
tertain at their home at College this
evening complimentary to Miss Mc-
Clellan of Hillsboro.

Mrs. D. Call of Orange, sister of Mrs.
J. W. Johnson, arrived Sunday and
spent a day with Mrs. Johnson, leaving
yesterday for Marlin.

The fire boys held a meeting last
night, after which they were tendered
an oyster supper by Mr. S. H. Higgins in
recognition of the good work they did
on the occasion of the fire at his resi-
dence. The boys appreciated the treat
very much. The spread was at the
Kandy Kitchen.

SOLID TRAINS OF

Wagner buffet Sleepers

HOLIDAY GOODS...

Our holiday box has come, and we have secured a sub-agency from that estimable gentleman who does the biggest business in the country the night before Christmas. There are lots of people in this vicinity who will appreciate a present highly if it is some of our Medallions, Mirrors done in fire gilt frames, Tea Kettles in Brass, Chaffing Dishes, Iron Candle Sticks and many other metal novelties. These goods beggar description, like most good things have to be seen to be rightly appreciated.

Also Elegant Perfumes,

In neat packages made up for a gift package. Then we have an elegant assortment of China goods of all descriptions that we are selling at your own figures. We also have an assortment of Albums, Lap Desks and Cases, that will be sure to please you. Holiday packages of the celebrated Capidura cigar—just the thing for a man addicted to the weed. We are not unmindful of the little ones, as we have a large assortment of

Toys, Dolls, Fireworks,

And other things that gladden the hearts of the little folks. We cannot name prices—you will have to see the goods to judge whether prices and quality are right. We are so sure both are right that we invite you to come in to inspect—come to buy—come anyway. During the rush of the Holidays, we will not lose sight of our Drug Department, as this is first always. Bring your prescriptions and you can be assured they will receive the closest and best attention, and the prices will be right, that is if you wish them put up for the lowest figure consistent with the first quality of medicines.

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SHOP UP-STAIRS, OVER
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GATACRE DEFEATED.

Had to Retreat Before Boer Forces Near Stormberg.

HIS LOSS IS SEVERE.

Over Six Hundred of His Men Are Killed, Wounded and Missing. Boers Used Rapid Fire Guns in Their Attack.

London, Dec. 11.—It is hardly too much to regard General Gatacre's repulse near Stormberg as the most serious defeat British arms have yet sustained in the whole campaign. Already the official advices show that 2 men were killed, 9 officers and 17 men were wounded and 9 officers and 396 men are missing. But it is evident that the worst is not yet known. The proportion of wounded and killed is so small when compared with the missing—who are undoubtedly prisoners in the hands of the Boers—that the supplementary list of casualties is awaited with serious misgivings. It is also feared that there were serious losses of guns and equipments.

The most serious aspect of the affair is the effect it will have on the Dutch in Cape Colony who have been wavering as to whether to throw in their lot with the Boers. Hosts of the northern farmers are now likely to join the rebellion. Defeat is also serious because it will delay the junction of General Gatacre with General French at Naauwpoort. The plan was for their combined forces to relieve the pressure on Lord Methuen's column. The disclosure of such a strong force at Stormberg was quite unexpected. Doubtless General Gatacre was the victim of treacherous guides. But the result points also to the absence of proper cavalry scouting.

The British troops who recently occupied Arundel are advancing. They have had several skirmishes but no casualties. Three miles north of Arundel they found the Boers 2000 strong.

The Pretoria reports of renewed fighting at Modder river originated from the fact that the British with a team of 32 oxen hauled a naval gun to the top of a high ridge north of Modder river town, whence they fired lyddite shells on the Boer position at a range of 6700 yards, where the enemy was apparently constructing an emplacement for a fort. The lyddite shells appeared to do immense damage. The Boers retired, but the incident is interesting as showing that the Boers are still in position quite close to Modder river.

The engineers report that it would take two months to rebuild the iron bridge. Lord Methuen is still compelled to ride about in a dog cart as his wound prevents him going on horseback. Should the rains destroy the temporary bridge there is enough rolling stock on the north side of the river to serve Lord Methuen's purpose.

It is reported that the Boers are busy making entrenchments at Spypoint. Several tiers of work are beginning to appear at the foot of the heights. The force fired on by the British naval gun is believed to form the right wing of the enemy's main body thrown forward for patrolling and scouting purposes.

It is reported that the bad water at Spypoint threatens an epidemic of typhoid.

Kimberley reports all quiet there up to Dec. 7 and that the pressure of the investment is diminished.

From the best information that can be obtained it seems that General Gatacre's movements may be termed a reconnoissance in force. Its object was to ascertain the strength of the Boers who were strongly entrenched along the Stormberg range. He left Putter's kraal shortly after noon Saturday with a fighting force of slightly over 4000 men.

Leaving Molteno at 9 Saturday evening, he made a memorable night march over the rocks and veldt. There was no sound except a steady tramp and there was no distinguishing lights, the bright moon having gone down about 11:30.

The column arrived safely within a couple of miles of its destination, the only incidents of the march being an occasional call of "halt" under the belief that the Boers were near. Suddenly a terrific fire opened simultaneously on the British front and right flanks. The Royal Irish rifles, which formed the advance, sought shelter behind a neighboring kopje and were speedily joined by the remainder of the column. It was soon found, however, that this position was also covered by the Boer guns, which were more powerful than had been supposed. The troops, therefore, sought a safer position about half a mile away, two batteries in the meantime engaging the Boers and covering the troops in their withdrawal.

The action now became general at long range and a detachment of mounted infantry moved northward with the view of turning a Gatling on the enemy's right flank. Suddenly a strong command was seen moving from the north and the Royal Irish rifles and the Northumberland regiment were sent out to meet it. It was soon discovered that the Boers had machine gun well placed and the British were compelled to face a terrible fire.

Finding it impossible to hold the position in the face of the enemy apparently superior in position, numbers and artillery, the British retired on Molteno, the Boers following up the retirement closely and bringing up two big guns to bear on the retiring column.

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GESSWARE.

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SETS.

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GUNS, PISTOLS,
ETC.

We have a few handsome Patterns in RUGS AND CARPETS, just the thing for Holiday Presents, which we are offering at very low Figures.

IN GROCERIES.

The large Variety and superior quality of the goods we have received EXPRESSLY FOR HOLIDAY TRADE, will make the preparation of your Christmas feasts an easy matter if you will give us an opportunity to fill your orders.

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For Sale by Hudson & Nall.

Thomas Rowan place near the Graded School, in the city of Bryan, consisting of 5 1-10 acres of land, a good house and other improvements; must sell at once. Price \$350 on easy terms.

Mrs. White's residence, opposite Catholic church, two lots; place well improved; \$700.

Col. H. C. L. Hill, block; well improved; near Graded School.

HUDSON & NALL,
Real Estate Agents, Bryan.

H. & T. C. EXCURSIONS.

F. F. & V. F., HOUSTON.
For train leaving Bryan 4:03 p. m., Dec. 10th, and train leaving Bryan 3:04 a. m. Dec. 11th, fare \$1.00. Limit, leave Houston not later than 10 p. m., Dec. 13th, 1899.

For train leaving Bryan 4:03 p. m., Dec. 13th, and for train leaving Bryan 3:04 a. m. Dec. 14, fare \$1.00. Limit, leave Houston not later than 10 p. m., Dec. 15, 1899.

Tickets will also be on sale Dec. 10th to 14th inclusive, limited to leave Houston not later than 10 p. m. Dec. 16th, 1899. Fare, \$3.00. W. S. Wilson, Agent.

CHRISTMAS EXCURSION.
December 20, 21, and 22nd, 1899. H. & T. C. will sell round trip tickets for one

fare good for 30 days to points in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, North and South Carolina and also to New Orleans. Get tickets at Bryan. W. S. Wilson, Agent.

The Atlanta Constitution says: "Gov. Richard B. Hubbard stands at the front among most eloquent lecturers of America." Gov. Hubbard will deliver his famous lecture at the opera house Tuesday night, Dec. 12.

Hear Gov. Hubbard's lecture at the opera house next Tuesday; one half of proceeds will go to the public school library fund. Admission 50c.

"A POINTER"



FOR HOLIDAY PURCHASERS.

Who are looking for suitable and appropriate presents. If you are hesitating about what to get a visit to JOHN M. CALDWELL'S will settle the difficulty at once and enable you to



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your mind. He is showing the most superb line of DIAMONDS, WATCHES, BROOCHES, CHAINS, RINGS, PINS, CUT GLASS and SOLID SILVER ever seen in Bryan. His stock of SILVER NOVELTIES alone will meet the demands of nearly every purchaser, and includes a variety of all the new things for the Holiday trade. You will have no occasion to



Send Away

for anything this season. We can please you in style, quality and prices, on any article in our line.

John M. Caldwell.

For the Holidays

I offer Watches, Diamonds and Solid Silver at remarkably close prices. It will pay you to examine my stock before you buy. I can please you in quality and price if you will give me a call.

A. McKenzie.